

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice CRP-411

For: State and County Offices

Rescinding CRP Private Sector Technical Assistance Pilot Program

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

Notice CRP-397 implemented a private sector technical assistance pilot to determine whether contracting out certain technical assistance would improve program delivery or reduce costs and whether contracting should be explored for similar programs.

Section 2701 of the 2002 Farm Bill provides that third-party technical assistance be provided at the option of the producer. Therefore, the purpose in conducting a CRP Private Sector Technical Assistance Pilot Program no longer applies.

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Purpose

This notice provides information about rescinding the CRP Private Sector Technical Assistance Pilot Program.

Disposal Date

April 1, 2003

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices and NRCS State Offices

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2 Rescinding Pilot and Notifying Vendors

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Pilot Authority Rescinded

No further action by STC is required in implementing the CRP Private Sector Technical Assistance Pilot Program.

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Notifying Vendors

All vendors who submitted a package to provide technical assistance must be notified that:

- no further action will be taken about vendor application packages
 - because of new language in the Farm Bill, CRP Private Sector Technical Assistance Pilot Program will no longer be implemented.
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State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- notify vendors that submitted application packages for consideration that the CRP Private Sector Technical Assistance Pilot Program, will **no** longer be implemented
 - ensure that County Offices receive a copy of this notice to provide to vendors as requested
 - provide a copy of this notice to NRCS State Offices.
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County Office Action

County Offices shall notify potential vendors that the CRP Private Sector Technical Assistance Pilot Program will no longer be implemented.
